

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

DANIEL RHINE,

Plaintiff,

v.

DML CAPITAL, INC.; DML CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT, LLC; DML CAPITAL  
MORTGAGE FUND, LLC; CAMPOS  
FINANCIAL CORP.; LIONSCOVE,  
INC.; LIONSCOVE MANAGEMENT,  
LLC; LIONSCOVE FUND I, LLC,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:25-cv-00107-JNW

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR JURY DEMAND

Pro se Plaintiff Daniel Rhine sued Defendants in King County Superior Court with a complaint that included the following statement in its caption: "Complaint for Damages and Demand for Jury Trial." Dkt. No. 1–1. Defendants removed the case, Dkt. No. 1, and Rhine now moves for a jury trial after the parties failed to reach an agreement on whether he may request a jury trial at this stage of the case. Dkt. No. 26. Defendants argue Rhine failed to properly demand a jury under state and federal law. Dkt. No. 29.

1           Setting aside the question of whether Rhine timely filed a jury demand, the  
2 Court exercises its discretion under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 39(b) to grant a  
3 jury trial. Rhine’s complaint caption was “sufficiently clear to alert both the  
4 Defendants and the district court ‘that a jury trial was requested.’” *Solis v. Cnty. of*  
5 *L.A.*, 514 F.3d 946, 950–953 (9th Cir. 2008) (quoting *Lutz v. Glendale Union High*  
6 *Sch.*, 403 F.3d 1061, 1064 (9th Cir. 2005)). The Court’s discretion is appropriate  
7 here given Rhine’s pro se status, his right to a jury trial otherwise, and the absence  
8 of any prejudice to Defendants. *Id.* (reversing denial of jury trial due to pro se  
9 plaintiff’s pre-trial procedural mishap).

10           Thus, the Court GRANTS Rhine’s motion for a jury trial. Dkt. No. 26.

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12           Dated this 9th day of September, 2025.

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15           Jamal N. Whitehead  
16           United States District Judge  
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